



Monday Morning Eye-Opener December 11, 2017

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Good Morning! December 11, 2017

Christmas Gifts...

For Your Library!

Is your library Friends Group making a list and checking it twice? For library gifts, that is! Or lacking friendly Friends, maybe the library's own budget could handle some of these items, sure to make great additions to meeting rooms, study spaces, and programming spaces.



From DEMCO: Muzo Mobile Flip Tables. Slim design, compact storage, easy to customize room arrangements.

Also from **DEMCO**: for Makerspaces in tight places, a **Mobile Tub Storage Cart**.

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From Northwest AEA Creative Services. First up, it's time to shine a light on this little-known shopping source: the AEAs. Public libraries are eligible for many of the same product discounts that K-12 schools



enjoy. From [Northwest AEA Creative Services](#) comes a **Circulation Desk Vinyl Wrap**. Instantly update the look of older circ desks with customizable vinyl coverings.

And from [AEA Purchasing](#), shop for data projectors, art supplies and office supplies, computer software, copy paper, furniture and more. Circling back to **data projectors**, it's nearly 2018—time to furnish your meeting room with this essential equipment.



There are still 13 shopping days 'til Christmas, so more ideas next week!

Online Learning Ahead



State Library C.E. in January

State Library education offerings come back in a big way in January. And even better with dicey winter weather, these are all online! Here's a preview of what's on tap early in the New Year--the C.E. Catalog button below takes you to registration.

Summer Library Program Webinars—divided out by

age group:

- **January 3** = Early Literacy Manual Review / repeats Jan.18
- **January 9** = Teen Manual Review
- **January 16** = Adult Manual Review
- **January 23** = Children's Manual Review / repeats Jan.25

Library Horizons: News from the ARSL Conference = January 4. (1:30-2:30PM) If you missed the ARSL conference this year, but want to hear about some of the great ideas Iowa attendees brought back, you can join a panel of participants as they talk about their favorite sessions. Becky Heil will host a panel of Iowa librarians sharing some of what they learned in St. George.

ILOC: Innovative Libraries Online Conference = January 18 (multiple sessions throughout the day, beginning at 9:00AM) ***Not yet in the C.E. Catalog, check back...***

Library HR and the Law = January 23 (1:00-2:30PM) Mandy Easter and Maryann Mori present another legal-information webinar covering the most-asked questions from librarians. This time they will do an overview of human resources laws, rules,

and best practices. Do I need background checks? Are break times mandatory? Can trustees sub for library employees? Can I employ teens? What do I do with that difficult employee? This is the first in a series of HR-related presentations the State Library is planning in 2018.

All Iowa Reads = January 24 (10:30AM-12:00PM) Designed to help library staff, trustees and community discussion leaders plan a discussion of the 2018 All Iowa Reads (AIR) selection *The Boys in the Bunkhouse: Servitude and Salvation in the Heartland* by Dan Barry. The author will join the webinar to talk about the book and take questions.

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Reference Services @ State Library

From Michael Scott

Transitions to the State Library's reference services are well underway. As previewed last month, State Librarian Michael Scott explained needed changes prompted by a new [5-year strategic plan](#) now in place. State Library management has evaluated and re-focused the agency's reference services in order to meet this goal ***"Iowans will have access to quality information resources."***



Michael has more: *"...For a number of years, the State Library has maintained two public service points: the Main Library in the Ola Babcock Miller Building and the Law Library at the State Capitol. Starting Monday December 18, we will be consolidating our reference services to one location in the Law Library. The public service desk at the Main Library Miller Building will close and all public reference and information services will move to the Law Library. The Miller building will continue to house our administrative offices and program staff.*

We are excited about this opportunity to restructure our reference and information services program at the State Library. By consolidating these services to the highly visible and iconic Law Library, we hope to see more use while maintaining the high quality services our customers have come to expect. We also want to emphasize that libraries will notice minimal, if any, changes to the services we offer; we are communicating this change to the public and wanted to make you aware as well..."

General Reference / Information questions can be directed to **800-248-4483** or **515-281-4102**; call **515-281-5124** for **Legal Reference**. Emily Bainter will provide another update next week regarding the move to the Law Library. In the meantime, you are welcome to contact Michael Scott with any questions (michael.scott@iowa.gov / 800-248-4483 / 515-281-4105)



This Week...

Catch **Library101** tomorrow—**Tuesday December 12**—an online orientation helpful for newly hired directors and staff (9:30-11:30AM)

On **Wednesday December 13**, State Library staff gather in Des Moines for our monthly staff meeting. District offices will be closed, but phones

will be answered in Des Moines so call if needed...back on Thursday.



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